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Active Claims

1	2. A method of assigning identifying indicia to objects in multidimensional space comprising the
2	steps of:
3	sorting objects initially according to a first dimension of their location in multi- dimensional
4	space;
5	determining ambiguities among coordinate values of their location in the multi-dimensional
6	space according to whether separation of objects in a dimension is less than a predetermined
7	threshold value;
8	grouping subsets of objects according to ambiguities in the objects; and
9	ordering ambiguous objects in subsets according to other dimensions of the multidimensional
10	space.

1	3. The method according to claim 2 wherein said determining step includes the step of
2	ascertaining a predetermined threshold value based on known errors of position measurements.

1	4. The method according to claim 2 including an initial step of:
2	selecting as the first dimension of a multidimensional coordinate system that dimension along
3	which separation of objects exhibits the greatest dispersion.

1	5. The method according to claim 2 wherein said grouping steps includes the step of:
2	determining ambiguities among coordinate values according to whether separation of targets is
3	less than any of a plurality of predetermined threshold values.

1	6. The method according to claim 2 wherein said determining step includes the step of:
2	ascertaining a predetermined threshold value based on a maximum rate of change of position of
3	one target with respect to any other.

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1   7. The method according to claim 5 wherein said determining step includes the steps of:

2   ascertaining one of said predetermined threshold values based on maximum rate of change of

3   position of one object with respect to any other; and

4   ascertaining another one of said predetermined threshold values based on the random

5   errors of measurements in positions of the objects.

1   8. A method of sorting indicia corresponding to objects moving through a multidimensional space

2   comprising the steps of:

3   scanning the multidimensional space to detect positions of objects therein;

4   assigning unique indicia to each detected object;

5   sorting assigned indicia along one coordinate axis of the multidimensional space;

6   grouping into subsets any indicia exhibiting an ambiguity along the coordinate axis; and

7   ordering indicia in subsets according to other coordinate axes of the multidimensional space.